

Amendment No. 1 to HB0582

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by inserting the following new section immediately preceding the last section and renumbering the subsequent section accordingly:

SECTION __. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-418(b), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(b)

(1) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(2), it is an offense for a person to distribute a small amount of marijuana not in excess of one-half (1/2) ounce (14.175 grams).

(2) It is not an offense for a person to knowingly possess or casually exchange marijuana in an amount of one (1) ounce (28.35 grams) or less if the marijuana is possessed by, or casually exchanged by, a person who has been diagnosed by a Tennessee licensed physician with one (1) of the following:

(A) Cancer, glaucoma, multiple sclerosis (MS), human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), hepatitis C (HCV), amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Crohn's disease, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), or Alzheimer's disease or the treatment of these conditions;

(B) A chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition or its treatment that produces one (1) or more of the following:

- (i) Cachexia or wasting syndrome;
- (ii) Severe, debilitating, chronic pain;
- (iii) Severe nausea;

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(iv) Seizures, including, but not limited to, those characteristic of epilepsy; or

(v) Severe and persistent muscle spasms, including, but not limited to, those characteristic of a spinal cord injury or nerve damage; or

(C) Any medical condition for which a patient receives hospice services, as defined in § 68-11-201.

(3) A person diagnosed with a condition listed in subdivision (b)(2)(A) may lawfully grow up to six (6) cannabis plants at the person's domicile at any given time.